

THE "SEVENTIETH" IN GOOD SHAPE

Officers and Men Taking Revived Interest in the Regiment.

HAVE FINE NEW EQUIPMENT

Rifle Ranges to Be Built and Weekly Target Practice to Be Held.

The officers and men of the Seventieth Regiment, of recently of the five companies of that regiment, are taking forward in the coming year an interest in the regiment and its equipment. The new uniforms and hats are of better quality than ever before, and the uniforms will fit very much better than those heretofore furnished.

In addition to this the government sets apart more than \$100,000 every year for rifle and target practice by the Virginia volunteers, and already efforts are being made to secure suitable sites for rifle ranges adjacent to the principal cities. The railroad of the State has been written to and asked to suggest suitable sites for rifle ranges convenient of access to this city, Lynchburg, Danville and Staunton or Charlottesville. Already the members of the Seventieth Regiment have been asked to suggest suitable sites for rifle ranges convenient of access to this city, Lynchburg, Danville and Staunton or Charlottesville. Already the members of the Seventieth Regiment have been asked to suggest suitable sites for rifle ranges convenient of access to this city, Lynchburg, Danville and Staunton or Charlottesville.

Officers Meet.

Major C. Gray Boswell, commanding the local battalion of the regiment, is an enthusiastic and efficient soldier, and is deeply interested in the effort now being made to bring the regiment up to the highest standard, had in informal meeting of officers of the companies Saturday night at the armory, and talked over plans for the future. As a result, it developed that all the companies were considering plans to increase interest and to add attractive features to life in the regiment.

The officers and companies of the regiment, with the old names of the several companies, are:

Company A, the Richmond Grays; Captain E. M. Hardy, First Lieutenant J. D. Brady and one ensign, 62 enlisted men. Drill every Friday.

Company B, the Waller Light Guard; Captain A. W. Miller, First Lieutenant W. A. Stock, Second Lieutenant J. H. Knepp, 62 enlisted men. Drills every Wednesday night.

Company C, the Guard of the Commonwealth; Captain Charles M. Wallace, Jr., First Lieutenant Edwin B. Levine, Second Lieutenant W. M. Norfolk, 62 enlisted men. Drills every Monday night.

Company D, the Old Dominion Guard; Captain T. H. Stone, First Lieutenant George J. H. Stone, Second Lieutenant W. H. Kildner, 62 enlisted men. Drills every Tuesday.

Company E, the Old Dominion Guard; Captain T. H. Stone, First Lieutenant George J. H. Stone, Second Lieutenant W. H. Kildner, 62 enlisted men. Drills every Thursday night.

Company F, the Old Dominion Guard; Captain T. H. Stone, First Lieutenant George J. H. Stone, Second Lieutenant W. H. Kildner, 62 enlisted men. Drills every Saturday night.

The companies have target practice every Saturday from 10 until 4 P. M., and a state of affairs has been made to select and equip a rifle range, where the men will be brought to a high state of efficiency as marksmen. One site near this city is already under consideration. The government appropriation will pay every expense.

New Uniforms.

Early in the year, before the 1st of February, the new uniforms will arrive. These consist of new dress caps with two white stripes, a blouse with straight stand-up collar, piped with the service color, and regulation trousers. The blouse is made of leather, with cartridge belt attached. The blouse is made more attractive and showy by means of dress cords. The new service blouse cost at wholesale \$2.50, instead of \$3.00, the price of the old ones. They are very handsome indeed.

On January 15th the company will have a campfire in the armory's main drill hall, to which the public will be invited. After this a Christmas tree will be the attraction in the company room, with lots of the usual gifts and decorations.

On the first Tuesday in January a debate between Captain J. H. Stone and Lieutenant W. H. Kildner on the question of whether the color of the uniform is of most service to the soldier or the regiment. This promises to be an interesting feature.

Company C has a social organization, known as "The Merry Trampers," which the company commander, Captain Wallace, will have a speaker at some public hall on January 15th.

This company will also offer a market-day stand for the company making the best waffles. (Company D recently won the first trophy, and it is now its permanent property, this being the third time it has been won. The average made was of a possible 25, an excellent record.)

Many other social and entertainment features are proposed for the next month, and interest in the regiment is growing. Hope and social gatherings are of frequent occurrence.

The officers of the regiment are all capable soldiers and are interested in their men. Their enthusiasm promises much for the future of the regiment. Next year during the Jamestown Exposition will witness the greatest revival in military history of many years.

PRINCETON GLEE CLUB.

Hop Will Be Given the Tiger Students This Afternoon.

Any one wishing to witness the pretty scene in the ballroom of the Hotel T. Apple at the hop to be given members of the Princeton Glee Club this afternoon from the balcony part of gallery seats can procure the same at the door of the Temple at 4 P. M. tomorrow.

The ballroom will be beautifully decorated in Princeton colors—orange and black—a great many presents having been sent Miss Louise McAdams and Miss Courtney Graham who are making the arrangements for the hop. The dance will begin at 8 and continue until 12, and the dancers will go from Main Street Temple to the concert of the Academy of Music.

The Glee Club will go from Richmond to Washington, N. C., where Mrs. James Spurr will entertain them at a supper in her beautiful home, and Mr. and Mrs.

Failure of strawberries caused the straggling of the north-bound Memphis-Louisville express on the Illinois Central near Paducah, Ky., injuring five persons.

The Missouri Journal will establish a chair of Journalism next September.

WHAT "GROWN-UPS" WANT FOR CHRISTMAS



"Christmas comes but once a year, but grown-up wants are always here."

GROWN-UP CHILDREN WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Prominent Men Give the Old Gentleman Sly Hints of What They Would Like to Find in Their Stockings on Christmas Morning.

By C. A. BOYCE, Staff Writer Times-Dispatch.

Santa Claus paid a visit to Richmond a few days ago, and although the old gentleman has always been considered rather distant and non-committal, especially with reference to the presents he proposed making, he very kindly consented to an interview with a representative of The Times-Dispatch. He would not say what he was going to give any one, but he agreed to tell what a great many people of more or less prominence had asked him for. The list was very carefully taken down and is full of interest. It commenced with the President of the United States and runs through nearly all the stages of public life, embracing the requests of governors, mayors, congressmen, Aldermen, State legislators and professional and business men.

The wishes which Santa Claus alleges were expressed to him are almost as varied as those of school children. For example, the articles desired ran all the way from the cheapest brands of cigarettes and chewing tobacco up to such costly outfits as gas plants, public bathhouses, settling basins and swimming pools. Coca-Cola and chewing gum appeared in the list, these requests being regarded by Santa Claus as very modest ones.

What They Asked For.

Beginning with President Roosevelt, here is what Santa Claus says he was asked to give various people well known to the public:

Hon. T. Roosevelt—One new "big stick" to take the place of the one worn out on the Fifty-ninth Congress.

Hon. C. A. Swanson—A promise of a United States Senatorship on some future Christmas Day. (Santa Claus says the Governor is willing to relinquish all claim to presents this year in consideration of such a promise, which he earnestly desires.)

Congressman Harry L. Maynard—One dozen assorted fancy vests. (Lend ones offered.)

Hon. Marshall B. Rusk—Ten thousand copies speech of Judge O. O. Gwynne on single book question for free distribution in Halifax.

Congressman John Lamb—Several new Sunday school speeches, adapted to local conditions in Hanover, Chesterfield and King William. Also a brief one for the city of Richmond.

Commissioner of Agriculture, G. W. Koser—A new Danish minister at Washington, who will not criticize Virginia soil, climate and people.

Councilman Harry Huber—One barrel genuine coca cola.

Captain Wm. M. Myers—One new swimming pool for Howitzers. (Larger size preferred.)

Former Councilman Thos. B. Hicks—Several new songs, suitable to be "worked off" on Elks and other gatherings where he frequently sings.

Postmaster Royal E. Cabell—One new post-office building, a few more clerks and carriers, and a plan which will insure the successful growth of lies in Richmond.

Dr. E. C. Levy—A few of the most improved microbe traps.

T. Moncure Perkins—Twenty-five empty freight cars, in which to procure salt from the mines, to relieve scarcity.

Superintendent of Schools Wm. F. Fox—

One new high school building, to occupy an entire block, if not more.

Hon. J. Taylor Elyson—A secretary for the State Democratic Committee.

Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eakelston—A reliable remedy for the destruction of mice. (Cats cannot be utilized, owing to conditions in the office.)

Corporation Commissioner Henry C. Stuart—A plan for the adjustment of freight and passenger rates, which will please the railroad and the public, and which has worked satisfactorily in other States.

Adjutant-General Chas. J. Anderson—An entirely new equipment for the State militia.

Senator Arthur C. Harman—Twelve caddies of strong black chewing tobacco, for personal use. (Dill's Best preferred.)

Councilman E. Harvie Spence—One new, substantial pail, to be used instead of one recently broken in prosiding over boisterous session of City Council.

W. S. Forbes—One non-smoking abattoir. (Mr. Forbes pledged himself if Santa Claus would gratify his wishes, and any one objected after a fair trial, he would tear down and abandon the plant.)

William L. Royall—A new diogenes lantern, with which to renew his search for an honest politician. (Mr. Royall lost the lantern he used in his last crusade, in the Capitol Square.)

Secretary R. A. Dunlop—Ten car-loads of unabsorbed, indigestible immigrants to be distributed among the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner of Revenue Hinkins—New books on which to list the taxes of recently annexed citizens.

Joseph D. Egleston, Jr.—Copies of all the single book lists now in use in the world. (Those of North Carolina and Tennessee especially desired.)

Speaker W. D. Caldwell—A new fishing boat to be used on "Bona Island."

H. Stewart Jones—New steel filing cases for Supreme Court records.

John Jackson—One new bird bag and fifty pounds Nos. 7 and 8 birdshot. (Mixed.)

Dr. F. W. Bontwright—Another large endowment for Richmond College. (Several hundred thousand preferred.)

Former Senator Henry H. Atkinson—Some one who can tell a new story.

Captain Frank P. Brent—An additional assistant for his high school at Lancaster.

Captain Joseph E. Willard—One house for residence in Richmond. (One that can be furnished and kept by a man of moderate means preferred.)

H. M. Smith—An ideal candidate for President of the V. P. I.

L. O. Wendenburg—Milk for the babies at the Heizer Elliott Home.

Judge Roy T. Crump—One box large, strong, black Porto Rico cigars.

Captain Morgan R. Mills—One modern

automobile in which to canvass among recently annexed Jefferson Ward constituents.

Judge James Keith—A new fishing outfit.

Councilman John J. Lench—(Same.)

Mr. McDonald Lee—An increased appropriation for the Virginia Oyster Navy.

Chief W. G. Fuller—Nine new fire engines, to be used in annexed territory.

Felix Keegan—A hotel register for the Lexington, which cannot be closed, (Santa Claus says Mr. Keegan is superstitious about closing his register, and the guests sometimes do it unconsciously.)

Captain Geo. W. ("Long Tom") Haynes—One accident policy, affording special protection against falling through hotel caps.

Harry St. George Tucker—One improved electric button, with which to open the Jamestown Exposition.

John J. Crutcheff—One assistant justice of Police Court to handle civil cases.

Henry Colin—The best method of settling the debt problem. Also, showers Tuesday to wash off streets.

Sheriff Simon Solomon—A clear field for re-election.

Charles Marshall Graves—One ready-made monument, suitable to be erected immediately, to the memory of my late friend, Edgar Allan Poe.

John Stewart Bryant—An Utopian government for Richmond, with a transparent City Hall.

Ben P. Owen, Jr.—One dozen jars pickles (pin-money pickles preferred); also one walking-stick.

Francis S. Woodson, Confederate editor Times-Dispatch—One new pipe. (Mr. Woodson told Santa Claus he did not wish a new pipe, but that those associated with him in his office insisted that he did.)

Solon B. Woodfin, managing editor Times-Dispatch—A staff of "willing workers," who can match his "staying qualities," and who "never grow weary in well doing."

Colonel John Murphy—A new fourteen-story modern hotel, to be placed at Eighth and Broad Streets.

Mr. Charles E. Bolling—The best known recipe for clearing water in large quantities for municipal purposes.

Alderman John L. (Bill Nye) Satterfield—One dozen bottles of guaranteed hair restorer and one pair new Bill Nye spectacles.

Alderman Robert Whitely, Jr.—Ten thousand Piedmont cigarettes and some chewing gum.

Rev. George W. McDaniel—A new church for the First Baptist congregation.

Mayor Carlton McCarthy—Several rolls

of "live wire" to be used in emergency cases.

Insurance Commissioner Joseph Button—A sure remedy for the extermination of "wildcats."

Joseph Bryan—One large, new office building (ten stories preferred), and suggestions for reviving interest in the Virginia Historical Society.

Alderman T. H. Ellett—A complete library of all the books, records and public documents of the city of Atlanta, to be used in undertaking to reform the municipal government of Richmond along Atlanta lines.

Chief of Police Werner—A dozen or two new patrolmen who are not subject to "cold feet."

Councilman W. Waller Morton—Several new dredges and enough money to make Richmond's harbor the finest and deepest on the Western continent.

United States Marshal Morgan Trent—About five thousand new Republican votes, to be utilized mainly in the Third District, and usually only in national elections.

Former Alderman A. Belne Blair—A clear track for the State Senate, with all danger signals down. (Mr. Blair told Santa Claus confidentially that if he could be assured of this condition, he would show the people of Richmond a wild run for the Senate.)

City Clerk Ben T. August—An increase of salary and five assistants, one of whom at least shall be a stenographer.

Hon. Allen Caperton Braxton—(Reference is made here to Governor Swanson's request of Santa Claus. Those of His Excellency and Mr. Braxton are identical.)

Jake Wells—The best definition of the word "Foyer."

John P. Branch—A ready-made bath house for the people of Richmond.

Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd—Suggestions upon which to base several new legislative investigations.

Hon. Moses M. Green—Fifty-seven bushels Kentucky bluegrass seed, one ear load assorted potted plants, garden rakes and other utensils for beautifying Capitol Square.

Colonel John W. Richardson—A political platform for the Ninth District, which will insure a Democratic victory at least once in a decade.

John Pendleton Kennedy—One new State Library building.

E. F. Morgan—Some certain method of increasing the State convict road force without at the same time increasing crime.

A. W. Harman, Jr.—One new vault in which to place increased revenues brought in by State Corporation Commission.

Senator Edward Echols—A large pocket-book, in which to preserve "I. O. U.'s."

W. W. Baker—One new exposition-bearer. (Vintage of 1907 preferred.)

Colonel James R. Caton—An amended insurance bill which will keep out "wildcats."

Hon. John W. Churchman—One new two-cent passenger rate bill, which will stand the test of the courts.

Hon. Aylett B. Coleman—One seat in the Senate of Virginia.

Hon. Harry R. Houston—One school for the colored deaf and blind.

Colonel Eugene C. Massie—An amended Torrens system bill, which will meet the approval of the Legislature.

Judge Martin Williams—A mining engineer for the V. P. & E.

Alderman Max Gunst—One new colored almshouse, located at a point which will please everybody.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Special Services Held in All the Sanctuaries Commemorating the Nativity.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC RENDERED

Congregations Turn Out in Large Numbers and Services Are Much Enjoyed.

Christmas services were held yesterday in all the churches of Richmond, and the churchgoers of the city turned out in great numbers to hear their pastors preach and teach of the great event on which the Christian faith was founded. The services were greatly added to by the special music programs, which had been arranged and prepared with great effort.

In nearly all the churches special mention was made of the birth of Christ, and on this leading theme the ministers dwelt with much fervor and earnestness, drawing lessons from the life of Christ for the guidance of all men, and couching many a simple plea for the better life with the words and teachings of the Saviour.

Though the weather was bitter cold, the attendance in the churches was very large, and many were crowded to their capacity. All denominations turned upon the same theme, and the music and sermon all was especially beautiful.

At St. James' Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. E. M. Dutton, instead of reading a sermon in the morning, conducted a special service for children, appropriate to the season. The church was much enjoyed, and the little children proved very attentive listeners.

At Broad Street Methodist Church special services were held, and the beautiful music was rendered. The church was filled, and the congregation seemed to enjoy greatly the sermon and the music.

MR. SPOONER SPEAKS ON THE INCARNATION

Pastor of Broad-Street Methodist Church on Divinity of Christ.

The Rev. Geo. H. Spooner, pastor, preached to a splendid congregation from Isaiah's prophecy concerning the birth of Christ: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." As an introduction to the discussion of this subject of the incarnation, Mr. Spooner said: "In a few months a great exposition will be opened on the banks of Hampton Roads. While other nations will be represented, the fact that the Virgin Mary is the mother of the Christ is chiefly a matter of pride to the Anglo-Saxon, and the splendid civilization that followed the daring venture of Bartholomew Gosnold and his courageous little band."

"On the Fourth of July the wheels of government pause, and the rush of business checks, and we celebrate the Declaration of Independence. Other nations may bear of it, but it is a matter that chiefly concerns the American people. But on next Tuesday, the 25th, the anniversary of the birth of a child called Jesus will be celebrated, and this is a matter of interest not only to England and America, but to all nations."

"Seeking an answer to the question why this event has so much of importance attached to it, we find it in the personality of the individual whose birth is thus honored. Back of His birth was the declaration of the angel that God should be the Father of the Child, and here, the champions of unbelief have waged their fiercest battle."

"The life of Jesus could not be denied—thousands saw Him and knew Him. The death of Jesus could not be denied—the governor of the state signed the death warrant. The resurrection of Jesus could not be denied; the tomb was empty. But the miraculous birth could be questioned, and here the battle of words has waged."

"In response to this attack Christianity has made the most of the Virgin Mary. 'First, the promise of God and prophecy concerning the time and place and manner of His birth. Second, the characteristics of the Man thus born evidence the fact that He was the Son of God. Third, He was a man; His miracles proved Him a God. Third, the proof of His divine birth is seen in the wonderful triumph of His life. With a human nature, with no book, or line that He had ever written to preserve His teachings, His gospel is the dominant force of modern civilization, and has been the salt of the earth for twenty centuries. On these three leading arguments we can join hands across the ages with the Roman centurion standing in the shadows of the cross, and say, 'Truly, this was the Son of God.'"

"The ultimate purpose of the incarnation was to save men. He came to seek and to save the lost, and the fact that He does save men corroborates the claim of divinity."

"The incarnation is a bed-rock principle in the foundation of our faith. Not a theory about which we can speculate; not a fancy, about which we can dream, but a fact, irrefragably established, and the fact is established."

"At the feet of the Divine Babe we lay an offering of praise and a gift of love. He must have been conceived by the Holy Ghost."

Dr. Jones at Immanuel.

Rev. Dr. J. William Jones preached at Immanuel Baptist Church yesterday, both morning and night, and was heard with pleasure by good congregations. The Christmas music by a large volunteer choir under the direction of Mr. Diggs, was exceptionally good, and the sermons were in keeping with the season.

Rev. E. W. Stone, pastor of Immanuel, is in Roanoke, where he was called on Saturday by the illness of his sister, Mrs. Bennett. Dr. George Ben Johnston, accompanied him to perform an operation for appendicitis.

The congregation were treated to a very pleasant surprise at the evening service, when a double male quartet of friends of the choir director, Mr. Diggs, appeared and contributed two special selections to the service. Mr. Herbert Phillips, who accompanied the quartet was accompanied. The octet included several of the best known singers of the city, and their rendition of the two selections was of a high order and was much enjoyed.

Silver Tea.

The Whittell Memorial Circle, King's Daughters, will give a silver tea on Wednesday, January 24, from 5 to 7 o'clock, at No. 211 Floyd Avenue.